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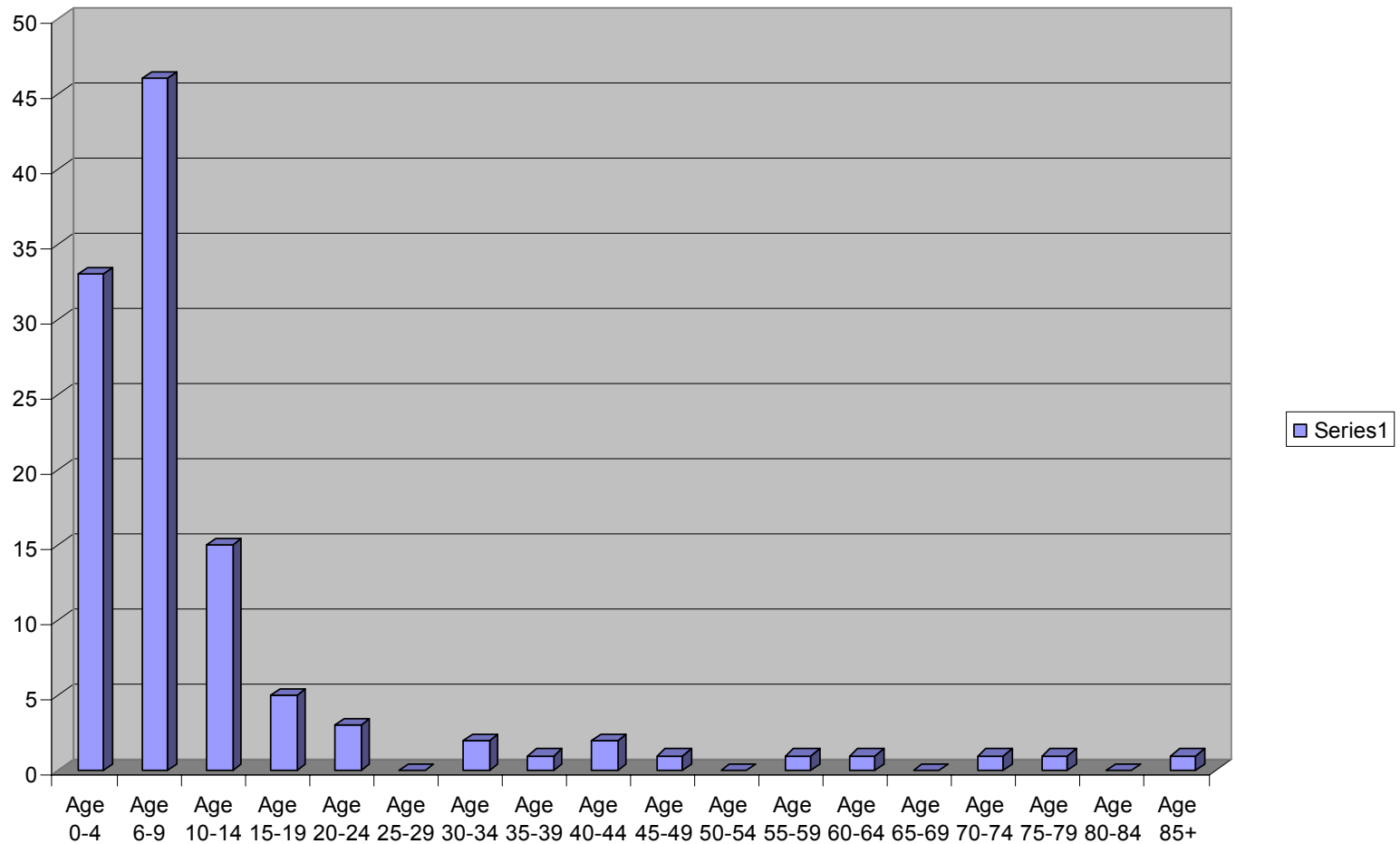
Water Recreation Regulations WAC 246-260
Continuance From May 10, 2004 Meeting

Update from May SBOH Meeting

Requested Information

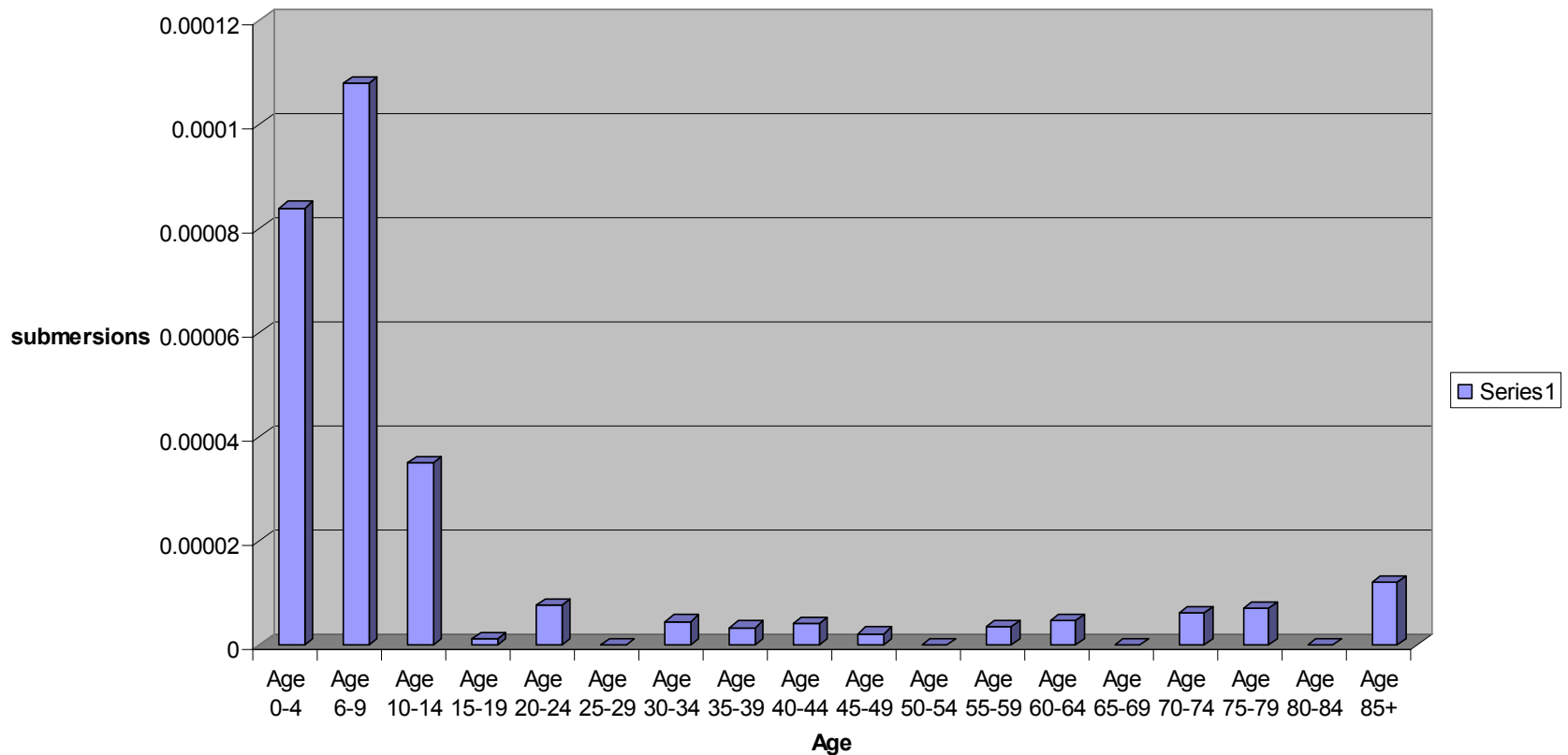
- Breakdown of submersion data, age adjustment of data, national data on nonfatal submersions, water recreation use by adults & children
- Lifeguard effectiveness
- Limitations of supervision by parents
- Impacts to pool facilities
- Recap changes proposed

Age Distribution of Submersions at Regulated Facilities in Washington State 1991-2002





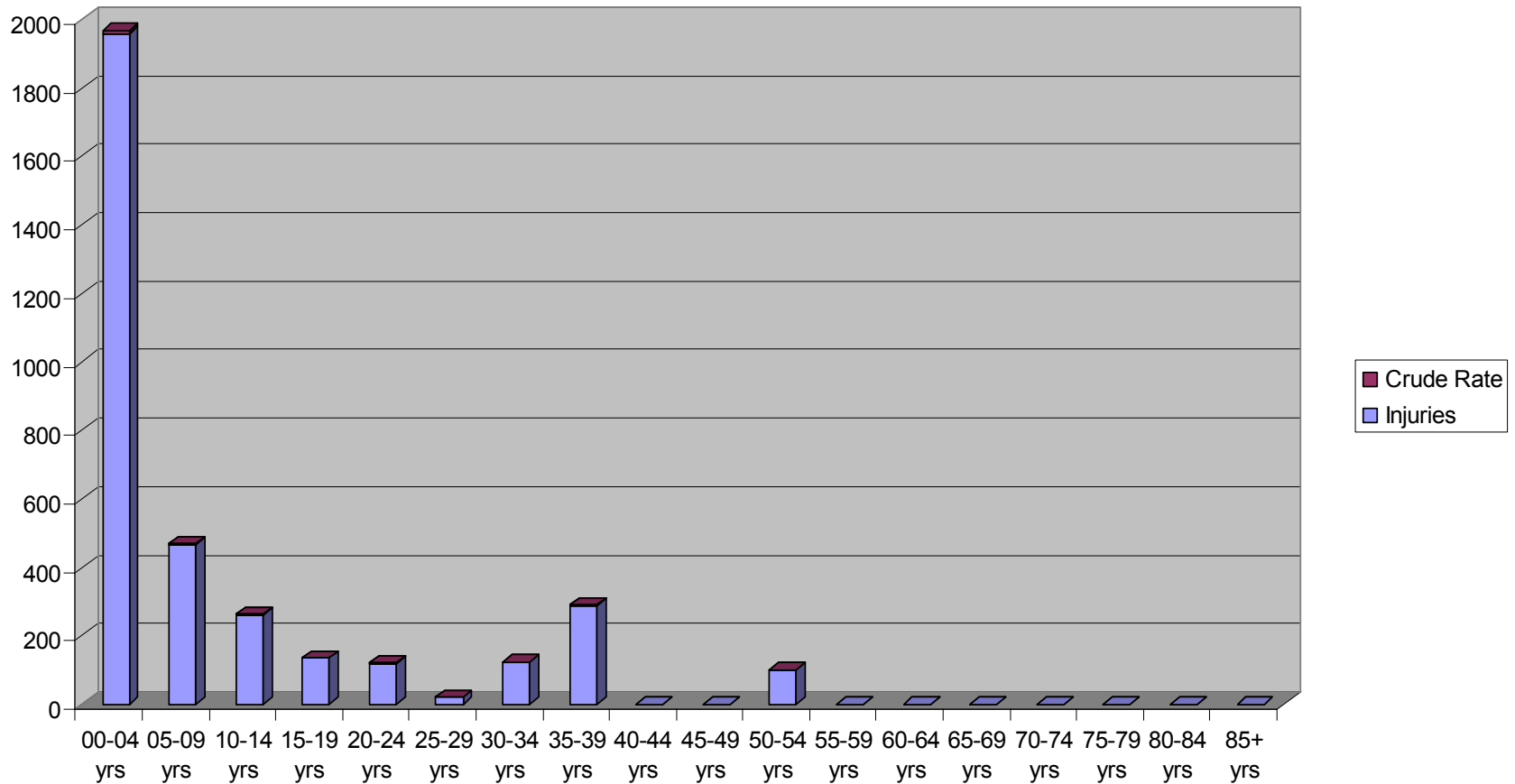
Submersion Data * at Regulated Facilities [1991-2002] adjusted to reflect Submersion Rate in relation to Census Data for Washington State



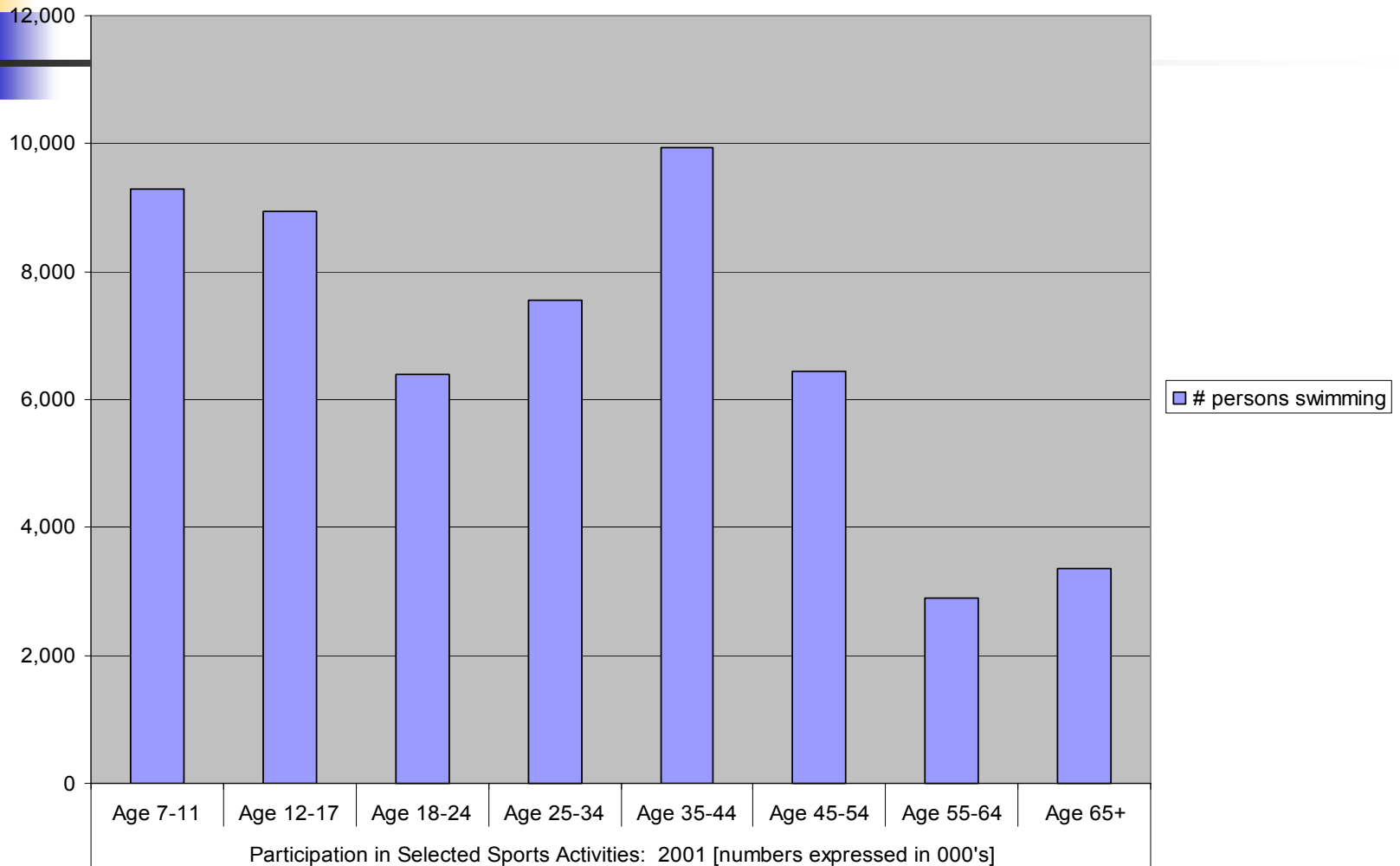
*** DOH data with Census Data from 2000**

Non Fatal Submersions 2002 US

Includes open water beach & boating



Age Range and Number of Persons Swimming in US, 2001*



* U.S. Census Bureau, statistical abstract of the U.S. 2001

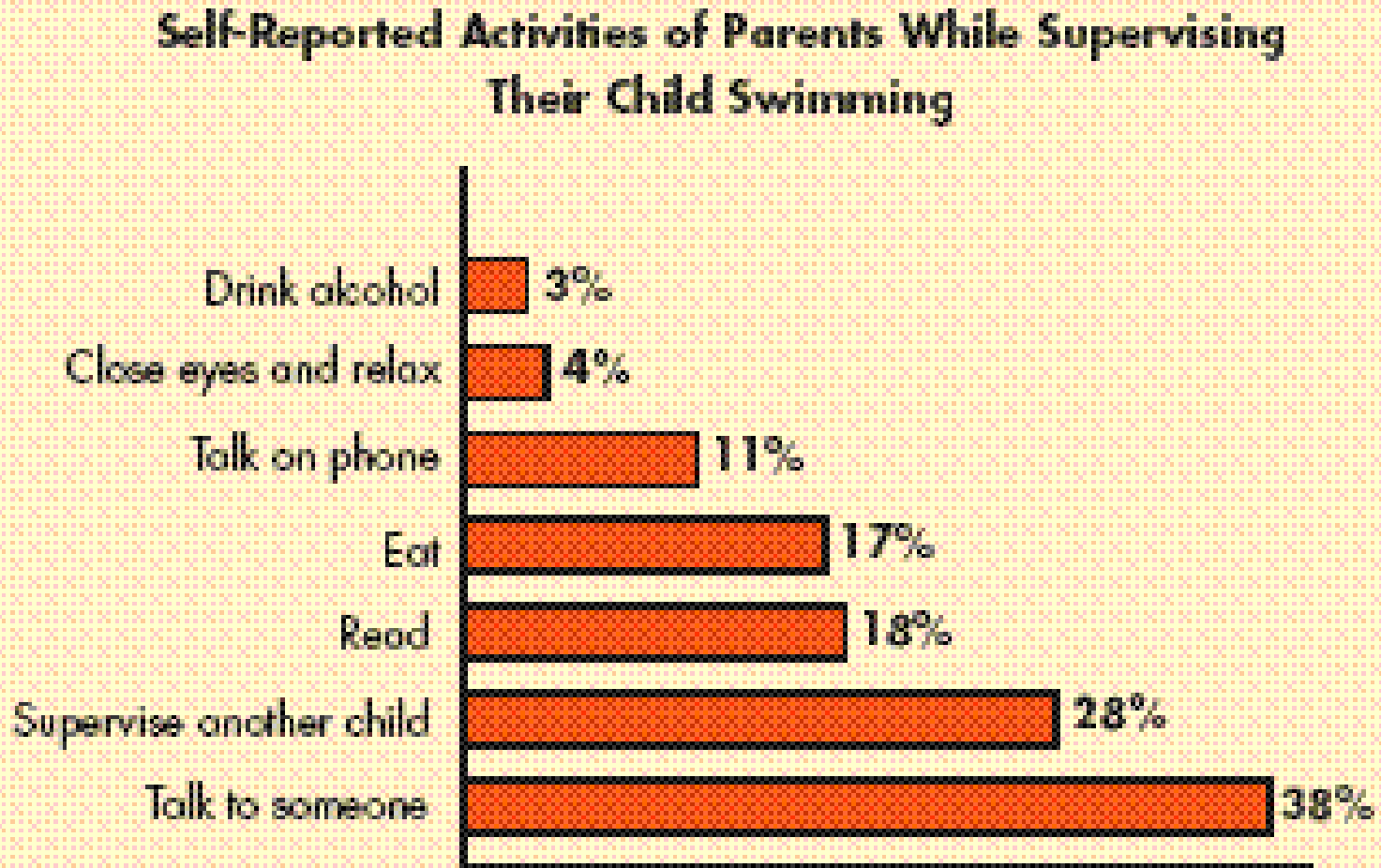


Lifeguarding Effectiveness*

- Lifeguards rescue 100,000 annually
- Significant improvement of lifeguarding effectiveness
 - Drowning rates declining in US
 - Advances in rescue techniques
 - More prevention training

*"Lifeguard Effectiveness", Atlanta, CDC, NCIPC, 2001. CM Branche, et. al

Limitation of Parental Supervision*



* National Safe Kids Report, "Clear Danger" April, 2004



Limitations of parents*

- Parents not trained in lifeguarding skills
- 90% of drowning victims were supervised by parents, family members or others
- Near drowning event (video)

* “Clear Danger” National Safe Kids Campaign,
April, 2004



Impact to Pool Operators

- Estimated by program staff:
 - 85 General Use / Private Club facilities
< 1500 Square Feet
 - 1/2 of these already providing lifeguards
- Testimony regarding successful business models providing lifeguards



Further Discussion on Impact to Pool Operators

- Sent draft rule to 500 facilities, targeting athletic clubs as major group
- Letters Received
 - Negative responses from 3 different facilities
 - Numerous letters from one non-typical facility



Recap of Proposed Change

- Initial considerations were to apply lifeguarding requirements to all general use pools, at all times
- Revisions made after stakeholder input
- Proposal to focus on lifeguarding for children
 - Pools >1500 Square Feet, reduces lifeguarding requirements
 - Pools < 1500 Square Feet, increases lifeguarding requirements, but only with ages 16 & under

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